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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SONNENFELDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE VISIT OF ZAIRE'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO PARIS

1. NGUZA KARL-I-BOND, RECENTLY APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS BEEN VISTING WASHINGTON AT THE REQUEST OF ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO CONVEY TO THE US GOVERNMENT AND CONCGRESS ZAIRE'S CONCERN ABOUT ANGOLA AND ZAIRE'S OWN SECURITY.

2. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL HERE JANUARY 29, NGUZA HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN HIS CONTACT WITH SOME 17 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT FORD ON FEBRUARY 11.

3. THE SECRETARY SAW NGUZA ON TWO OCCASIONS AND THEY DISCUSSED THE UTILITY OF VISITING THE UK, FRANCE, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS, AND FRG; THE SECRETARY ENCOURAGED HIM TO GO. HE IS VERY EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN. THE SECRETARY HOPES THAT TOGETHER WITH OUR ALLIES WE CAN HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THIS AFRICAN REGION TO INSULATE IT AGAINST THE UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS OF AN ADVERSE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. NGUZA LEFT FOR LONDON FEBRUARY 11. HE WAS HOPING TO GO TO PARIS FEBRUARY 14 BUT WAS TOLD GISCARD LEAVES FOR NICE FEBRUARY 12, WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. WHILE GISCARD SAID HE WANTED TO REST AFTER MEETING WITH SCHMIDT, NGUZA IS STILL HOPEFUL GISCARD WILL SEE HIM.

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4. TO FACILITATE HIS CONTACTS IN PARIS, THE SECRETARY OFFERED

TO HAVE A MESSAGE SENT TO ELYSEE SECGEN BROSSOLETTE. YOU SHOULD
ACCORDINGLY TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PIERRE BROSSOLETTE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEGIN QUOTE

DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL

THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO CONTACT YOU ABOUT THE VISIT OF
ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA TO WASHINGTON AND HIS FORTHCOMING
VISIT TO PARIS. WE KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARE OUR
DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN THE SITUATION IN
CENTRAL AFRICA FOLLOWING THE EXTENSIVE DEPLOYMENT OF CUBAN
TROOPS AND SOPHISTICATED SOVIET WEAPONS IN ANGOLA. AS YOU KNOW, THE
COUNTRIES IN THE AREA WERE ALREADY SUFFERING SERIOUS ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE CONFLICT. THEY ARE
UNDERSTANDABLY EXTREMELY WORRIED OVER THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE
FOREIGN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ON THEIR BORDERS.

THESE CONCERNS INDUCED PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO SEND HIS PERSONAL
ADVISOR, NGUZA KAR-I-BOND, TO WASHINGTON WITH A LETTER FOR PRESIDENT
FORD. WHILE HERE, HE WAS REAPPOINTED AS COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS. NGUZA HAS PROVED TO BE AN EXTREMELY ARTICULATE AND
EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN FOR HIS COUNTRY IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS WHICH
HE HAS HELD WITH PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER AND MEMBERS OF
OUR CONGRESS.

WE WOULD HOPE THAT NGUZA WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT GISCARD, IF THAT CAN BE ARRANGED. IF HE CANNOT, I
WOULD HOPE THAT HE COULD MEET WITH YOU AND OTHER APPROPRIATE FRIENDS.
WE BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THE PICTURE WHICH HE PAINTS OF THE
SITUATION IN CENTRAL AFRICA BOTH PERSUASIVE AND DISTURBING. AS
YOU KNOW, WE ARE LOOKING CAREFULLY INTO WAYS THAT WE MAY BOLSTER
OUR FRIENDS IN AFRICA. SINCE WE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT
WITH YOU AND OTHERS WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE
THE BENEFIT OF HIS VIEWS.

WARM REGARDS,

HELLMUT SONNENFELDT

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